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For: N-ACETYL ALDOSAMINES AND RELATED N-ACETYL COMPOUNDS, AND

THEIR TOPICAL USE

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 26, 1999, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following Remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 9, line 7, after "COOH," please insert -- NH₂ --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 5, and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition comprising (A) a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle for topical treatment of cosmetic conditions or dermatological disorders and (B) a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of N-acetyl aldosamines, N-acetylamino acids, and isomeric or nonisomeric, free acid, salt, lactone, amide, or ester forms thereof,

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